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In re application of: Deok-Yong KIM et al.

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For: METHOD OF OPTIMIZING FOCUS OF OPTICAL INSPECTION
APPARATUS AND METHOD AND APPARATUS OF DETECTING
DEFECTS USING THE SAME

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**APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR
ALLOWANCE**

Claims 1-24 have been allowed in this case. The Statement of Reasons for Allowance (and possibly other statements) indicates that the prior art fails to teach features recited in the claims. To the extent that the stated reasons agree with the language of the claims, and further recognizing that there may be other, unstated reasons why the claims are allowable, the applicants agree with the stated reasons.

Furthermore, patent claims are read as a whole, rather than phrase by phrase or element by element. Therefore, the scope of the claims is not necessarily limited only to the claim features mentioned in the statements, but rather, to the language of the claims themselves, in their entirety. Each of the claims includes particular features and particular claim language, and therefore each has a scope different from the others.

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